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**U.S. District Court  
District of South Carolina (Charleston)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:18-cv-02635-BHH-MGB**

Bruce v. Government National Mortgage Association et al  
Assigned to: Honorable Bruce Howe Hendricks  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/26/2018  
Jury Demand: Plaintiff  
Nature of Suit: 890 Other Statutory Actions  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**Interested Party**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/26/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against Federal Housing Administration, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of the Treasury, filed by Nelson L Bruce. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibits)(ssam, ) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis (Restricted Access) by Nelson L Bruce. Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker.(ssam, ) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>7</u>	<b>PROPER FORM ORDER. Case to be brought into proper form by 10/19/2018. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6. Signed by Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 9/28/2018. (cwhi, )</b> (Entered: 09/28/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>8</u>	<b>REFERENCE <u>7</u> ORDER granting <u>3</u> Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis. Signed by Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 9/28/2018.(cwhi, )</b> (Entered: 09/28/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>9</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED <u>7</u> Proper Form Order, and required documents placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L Bruce. (cwhi, ) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
11/05/2018	<u>12</u>	<b>ORDER authorizing service of process by clerk and directing plaintiff to notify the clerk in writing of any change of address. Signed by Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 11/5/2018. (ssam, )</b> (Entered: 11/05/2018)
11/05/2018	<u>13</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED <u>12</u> Order Service – Non-Inmate placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L Bruce (ssam, ) (Entered: 11/05/2018)
11/05/2018	<u>14</u>	Summons Issued as to Federal Housing Administration, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of the Treasury. U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. Service due by 2/4/2019. (ssam, ) (Entered: 11/05/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>17</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Nelson L Bruce. U.S. Attorney General served on 11/21/2018, answer due 12/10/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certified Mail Receipt) (hada, ) Modified docket text on 12/21/2018 (hada, ). (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>18</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Nelson L Bruce. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond served on 11/19/2018, answer due 12/10/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certified Mail Receipt) (hada, ) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>21</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Nelson L Bruce. Government National Mortgage Association served on 11/29/2018, answer due 12/20/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certified Mail Receipt) (hada, ) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/07/2018	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Voluntary Dismissal by Nelson L Bruce (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Cover Letter, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(hada, ) (Entered: 12/10/2018)

12/10/2018	<u>22</u>	MOTION to Dismiss by Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Response to Motion due by 12/27/2018. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A– Declaration of Keith Goodwin)No proposed order.Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker.(Abney, Merritt) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>23</u>	MOTION to Dismiss by Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Response to Motion due by 12/27/2018. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. No proposed order.Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker.(Abney, Merritt) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/11/2018	<u>24</u>	<b>TEXT ORDER finding as moot <u>22</u> Motion to Dismiss; finding as moot <u>23</u> Motion to Dismiss.</b> On December 7, 2018, Plaintiff filed a notice of voluntary dismissal, in which he voluntarily dismissed his claims against Defendant Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. (Dkt. No. 19.) Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond was then terminated from this action in accordance with Plaintiff's notice. Because Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond is no longer a party to this action, its pending motions to dismiss are MOOT. Entered at the direction of Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 12/11/18.(akob, ) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/11/2018	<u>25</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED 24 Order on Motion to Dismiss, placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L Bruce. (hada, ) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>26</u>	<b>TEXT ORDER.</b> The docket reflects that the Summons and Complaint were served on Defendant Government National Mortgage Association on November 29, 2018 <u>21</u> , and on the remaining Defendants (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Administration, and US Department of Treasury) on November 21, 2018 <u>17</u> . However, no responsive pleading has been filed by any of these Defendants, and the deadline to do so has expired. Nevertheless, the Court will allow additional time, until January 14, 2019, for these Defendants to file either an Answer or other responsive pleading. If no action is taken by these Defendants, a default could be entered against them pursuant to Rule 55, Fed. R. Civ. P. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail this Text Order to the addresses listed on the Summons for these Defendants and to also mail a copy of the Summons and Complaint and this Text Order to the United States Attorney's Office located in Charleston, South Carolina. <b>IT IS SO ORDERED.</b> Signed by Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 12/21/2018. (hada, ) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>27</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED 26 Order, placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L Bruce. (hada, ) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>28</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED 26 Order, placed in U.S. Mail to Government National Mortgage Association (7007 0220 0004 0679 1964), US Department of Housing and Urban Development (7007 0220 0004 0679 1995), Federal Housing Administration (7007 0220 0004 0679 1988), US Department of the Treasury 97007 0220 0004 0679 1971). (hada, ) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>29</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED 26 Order, <u>14</u> Summons and <u>1</u> Complaint, placed in U.S. Mail to U.S. Attorneys Office (7007 0220 0004 0679 2008). (hada, ) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/28/2018	<u>30</u>	CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT re 26 Order, <u>14</u> Summons and <u>1</u> Complaint, served on U.S. Attorneys's Office on 12/26/2018. (hada, ) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
01/14/2019	<u>32</u>	MOTION to Stay by United States of America. Response to Motion due by 1/28/2019. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. No proposed order.Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker.(Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/15/2019	<u>33</u>	<b>TEXT ORDER granting <u>32</u> Motion to Stay. Defendant is instructed to file a status report on the issue of service within five days after the partial government shutdown concludes. IT IS SO ORDERED.</b> Entered at the direction of Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 1/15/19.(akob, ) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/16/2019	<u>34</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED 33 Order on Motion to Stay, placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L Bruce (hada, ) (Entered: 01/16/2019)

01/24/2019	<u>35</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Nelson L Bruce. United States of America served on 1/18/2019, answer due 2/8/2019. (hada, ) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>36</u>	STATUS REPORT by United States of America. (Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>37</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time by Federal Housing Administration, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Response to Motion due by 2/12/2019. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. No proposed order.Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker.(Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/30/2019	<u>38</u>	<b>ORDER granting in part <u>37</u> Motion for Extension of Time.</b> Defendants <b>Government National Mortgage Association, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and Federal Housing Admin.</b> must file an Answer or otherwise respond by March 1, 2019. Entered at the direction of Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 1/30/19.(akob, ) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
01/30/2019	<u>39</u>	<b>TEXT ORDER. Defendants' <u>36</u> Status Report states that the Department of Justice has "resumed its usual civil litigation functions."</b> Accordingly, the Court lifts the Stay in this matter. Entered at the direction of Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 1/30/19. (akob, ) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>40</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED 38 Order on Motion for Extension of Time, 39 Order, placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L Bruce (hada, ) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>41</u>	<b>ORDER. The Clerk of Court is directed to re-issue the summons for the Defendant United States Department of Treasury. Signed by Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 01/31/2019.</b> (hada, ) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>42</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED <u>41</u> Order placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L. Bruce (hada, ) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>43</u>	Summons RE-Issued as to US Department of the Treasury. Service due by 5/1/2019. (hada, ) (Main Document 43 with correct document replaced on 1/31/2019) (hada, ). (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>45</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Nelson L Bruce. USM note: PS FM3811 signed, copy was not returned to the sender. (hada, ) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>46</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Nelson L Bruce. Federal Housing Administration served on 11/20/2018, answer due 1/22/2019; US Department of Housing and Urban Development served on 11/20/2018, answer due 1/22/2019. (hada, ) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
03/01/2019	<u>47</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, by Federal Housing Administration, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of the Treasury, United States of America.(Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>48</u>	<b>SCHEDULING ORDER Rule 26(f) Conference Deadline 4/3/2019, Plaintiffs ID of Expert Witness due by 5/3/2019, Defendants ID of Expert Witnesses Due by 6/3/2019, Records Custodian Affidavit due by 6/3/2019, Discovery due by 7/3/2019, Motions due by 9/3/2019, Mediation Due by 8/2/2019. Signed by Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 03/04/2019.</b> (hada, ) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>49</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED <u>48</u> Scheduling Order, placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L Bruce. (hada, ) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
04/03/2019	<u>50</u>	MOTION to Amend/Correct by Nelson L Bruce. Response to Motion due by 4/17/2019. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed 1st Amended Complaint, # <u>2</u> Exhibits 1 – 5, # <u>3</u> Envelope) Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker. (hada, ) (Entered: 04/03/2019)
04/17/2019	<u>51</u>	RESPONSE to Motion re <u>50</u> MOTION to Amend/Correct Response filed by Federal Housing Administration, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department

		of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of the Treasury, United States of America. Reply to Response to Motion due by 4/24/2019 Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6. (Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 04/17/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>52</u>	<b>TEXT ORDER granting <u>50</u> Motion to Amend/Correct the Complaint.</b> Defendants do not oppose Plaintiff's Motion (Dkt. No. 50), and the Court finds no reason to deny Plaintiff leave to amend the Complaint. See Rule 15(a), Fed. R. Civ. P. Accordingly, the Clerk of Court is directed to file Dkt. No. 50-1 as the Amended Complaint in this action and to attach Dkt. No. 50-2 and Dkt. No. 1-1 as exhibits to the Amended Complaint. IT IS SO ORDERED. Entered at the direction of Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 4/18/19.(akob, ) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>53</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against Federal Housing Administration, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of the Treasury, filed by Nelson L Bruce. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Supporting Documents, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(hada, ) (Additional attachment(s) added on 4/19/2019: # <u>3</u> Exhibits 1-4) (hada, ). (Entered: 04/18/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>54</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED 52 Order on Motion to Amend/Correct, placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L. Bruce (hada, ) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
05/02/2019	<u>55</u>	ANSWER to <u>53</u> Amended Complaint, by Federal Housing Administration, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of the Treasury.(Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/06/2019	<u>56</u>	AFFIDAVIT by Nelson L Bruce. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope) (hada, ) (Entered: 05/06/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>57</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time by Nelson L Bruce. Response to Motion due by 5/22/2019. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker.(hada, ) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>58</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Nelson L Bruce. US Department of the Treasury served on 5/9/2019, answer due 7/8/2019. (hada, ) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/13/2019	<u>59</u>	<b>AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER ABSENT EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED</b> Plaintiffs ID of Expert Witness due by 6/3/2019, Defendants ID of Expert Witnesses Due by 7/3/2019, Records Custodian Affidavit due by 7/3/2019, Discovery due by 8/5/2019, Motions due by 10/3/2019, Mediation Due by 9/2/2019. Signed by Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 05/13/2019. (hada, ) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/13/2019	<u>60</u>	<b>REFERENCE ORDER granting <u>57</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Signed by Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker on 05/13/2019.</b> (hada, ) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/14/2019	<u>61</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED 60 Order on Motion for Extension of Time, <u>59</u> Scheduling Order, placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L Bruce. (hada, ) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/22/2019	<u>62</u>	REPLY (captioned as Plaintiff's Response and Objections to Defendant's Answer) by Nelson L Bruce to <u>55</u> Answer to Amended Complaint. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service, # <u>2</u> Envelope) (egra, ) (Entered: 05/22/2019)
05/22/2019	<u>63</u>	MOTION to Dismiss case as to defendant U.S. Department of the Treasury by Nelson L Bruce. Response to Motion due by 6/5/2019. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service, # <u>2</u> Envelope) No proposed order. Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker. (egra, ) (Main Document 63 replaced on 5/23/2019) (egra, ). Modified on 5/23/2019 to replace with correct document, clerk's filing error (egra, ). (Entered: 05/22/2019)
06/06/2019	<u>65</u>	PLAINTIFF'S ID OF EXPERT WITNESSES by Nelson L Bruce. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(hada, ) (Entered: 06/06/2019)

06/06/2019	<u>66</u>	RESPONSE in Support re <u>63</u> MOTION to Dismiss Response filed by Federal Housing Administration, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of the Treasury, United States of America. (Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 06/06/2019)
06/11/2019	<u>67</u>	<b>TEXT ORDER granting <u>63</u> Motion to Dismiss, in light of Defendant's consent to its dismissal from this case. The Clerk of Court is therefore directed to terminate Defendant US Department of Treasury as a named defendant. Entered at the direction of Honorable Bruce Howe Hendricks on 06/11/2019.(hada, )</b> (Entered: 06/11/2019)
06/11/2019	<u>68</u>	***DOCUMENT MAILED 67 Order on Motion to Dismiss, placed in U.S. Mail to Nelson L Bruce at 1605 Central Ave, Suite 6 #167, Summerville, SC 29483 from Charleston Division. (hada, ) (Entered: 06/11/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>70</u>	MOTION to Compel Discovery, MOTION for issuance of Subpoena, MOTION for Extension of Time ( Response to Motion due by 8/13/2019. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. ) by Nelson L Bruce. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service, # <u>2</u> Subpoenas, # <u>3</u> First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to Government National Mortgage Association, # <u>4</u> First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to Federal Housing Administration, # <u>5</u> First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, # <u>6</u> Envelope)Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker.(hada, ) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>71</u>	MOTION for Pre-Trial Discovery by Nelson L Bruce. Response to Motion due by 8/13/2019. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service, # <u>2</u> Envelope)Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker.(hada, ) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>72</u>	MOTION for Protective Order by Federal Housing Administration, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, United States of America. Response to Motion due by 8/16/2019. Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 45. No proposed order.Motions referred to Mary Gordon Baker.(Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>73</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>70</u> MOTION to Compel MOTION for issuance of Subpoena MOTION for Extension of Time Response filed by Federal Housing Administration, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, United States of America.Reply to Response to Motion due by 8/9/2019 Add an additional 3 days only if served by mail or otherwise allowed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6. (Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>74</u>	ADR STATEMENT/CERTIFICATION by Federal Housing Administration, Government National Mortgage Association, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, United States of America(Bowens, Barbara) (Entered: 08/02/2019)